

Groombridge Tennis Club 2023/2024

March 2023

Dear Members, we are hoping you have enjoyed your membership at GTC this last year. GTC membership runs from 1st April –31st March so our annual subscriptions are now due. New members are always welcome, do invite friends along to introduce them to our club and our mix-ins, guest fees are kept very reasonable to encourage this.

This year we are introducing a new membership renewal and payment process undertaken online through the GTC website. The process is straight-forward, but none-the-less, we recommend that you take a look at the attached User Guide. Any queries or concerns please contact us by email at groombridgetennisclub@gmail.com.

We regret that we are no longer able to accept cheques. Any problems please contact the club.

2023/2024 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Membership Type	Full	Reduced rate if payment received by Sunday 2nd April
Adult	£100	£95
Family (2 adults (max) and any children aged under 25)	£190	£180
Single Parent Household	£120	£110
Couple (2 adults at same address)	£170	£160
Under 25 (19-24)	£45	£40
Junior (4-18)	£25	£25
Social Member <i>non-playing, per head</i>	£25	£25

ORGANISED CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2023/24

We very much look forward to seeing you at the weekly club sessions and Sunday mix ins, if you haven't been to any before please do come along and join in - there is something for everyone!

- **Wednesday mornings 9.30am – 11.30am** – Ladies morning
- **Wednesday evenings from 5.30pm – dusk, plus social** after– Mixed doubles *
- **Friday mornings 10am - noon** – Mixed doubles
- **Sunday mornings mix-ins - including Men's mix-in on last Sunday of the month** – registration required

* There are plans for the Wednesday evening mix-in to have more structured competition and social evenings. More details will follow shortly.

Additional special events planned for you to note in your diaries (and more will be arranged):

Event	Date	Registration by
Katzaros Kup**	Sunday 2 nd April	Thursday 23 rd March
Junior Festival	Saturday 15 th April	
Ladies Mix-in	Sunday 14 th May	
Mixed generation event	Sunday 11 th June	
Mixed mix-in	Sunday 25 th June	
Handicap Singles	Sunday 13 th August	
Club Championship Finals***	Sunday 3 rd September	Thursday 13 th April
Handicap Doubles	Sunday 24 th September	

**** KATZAROS KUP** – this is a fun mixed tournament to start the tennis season. Open to all club members aged 16 and above. You'll be put with partners (which change at different stages). It is mixed doubles: round robin & knock out rounds. There is a Club Trophy as the prize (the Katzaros Kup) to be presented to the winning man and winning lady. Register with Mark Powderham mark@hadsol.co.uk by **Thursday 23rd March**.

*****2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** Registration is **NOW OPEN** for the 2023 Club Championship. Men's & Ladies' Singles / Men's & Ladies Doubles / Mixed Doubles entries to mark@hadsol.co.uk by **Thursday 13th April** (partners can be found). The tournament will run between May and September with each round required to be completed by a certain date; match times are arranged between the players to suit them. **Finals** will be held on **Sunday 3rd September** – please keep the date free.

HORAM LEAGUE **We need more team players.** The Horam League is a fun and friendly East Sussex inter-club doubles competition for adults. We have two levels of teams. The matches are played on Monday early evenings 6.30 – 8.30ish, at GTC or at the opposition's club. The competition is due to start in mid April. You do not have to commit to playing every week, it's helpful for us to have lots of our members involved and a large pool of players available. We are going to start the season with offering some match tactic training sessions. If you are interested and would like further information, please be in touch, email the club or chat with one of the committee.

COACHING Jon Prenelle is the Head Coach at Groombridge Tennis Club. Jon is a LTA level 4 coach with 24 years experience working with world ranked players to club members. He runs group and private lessons. Members have a discount with his lessons at the club. Jon has made the difference to so many people's tennis. For more information refer to his website kentandsussextennis.co.uk; email: kentandsussextennis@outlook.com or contact his mobile number: 07495 368571.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES As well as the holiday camps and coaching provided during the week for the juniors by Jon, there are holiday camps planned and a Junior festival on Saturday 15th April (details to follow) and a Mixed Generation Tournament on Sunday 11th June. More details of these and other activities will be emailed to members. If you are interested in helping out with Junior activities or have some good ideas for activities please let us know.

COURT BOOKINGS Court booking can be made for the clay & court 1 at the club if wanted via our website, and we hope that you find this a convenient and useful tool for arranging your matches. However, booking a court is not essential and is often only necessary at the busier times (times of group lessons) ; courts 2 & 3 are left available for members to just turn up and play.

GUEST FEES We would like to remind members that they are welcome to invite guests to play tennis at the club up to 4 times a year. We do ask that guests sign-in in the guest book at the club house and that the guest fee of £5 for adults, £3 for children, is paid into the club's account (bank details are on the outside club noticeboard, on our website and in the guest book).

The GTC Committee.